

CLOS DU VAL

2013 ZINFANDEL
NAPA VALLEY

APPELLATION:	Napa Valley
FERMENTATION:	3 Day cold soak, classic fermentation in stainless steel tanks with 3 pumpovers/day
AGING:	14 months 10% new oak
ACID:	5.51 g/L pH: 3.76
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
SOIL TYPE:	Clay loams
AGE OF VINES:	19 years
HARVESTED:	Sept. 12, 2013
BOTTLING:	December 2014
PRODUCTION:	2,540 cases produced

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Clos Du Val has been making Zinfandel since its inception in 1972. We continue this great tradition with a wine that is ripe, round, and exciting to the senses. The color is a deep, opulent purple and the nose opens to aromas of black forest fruits, exotic spices and vanilla. It has flavors of blackberry pie, warm chocolate, toasted spices and jam. The textures are smooth and silky with a soft roundness met with vibrancy. It will pair well with grilled or barbecued meats, roasts or simply on its own.

HARVEST

Harvest 2013 was the second in a row where we were blessed with not only great quality, but plenty of quantity. The conditions during spring and through flowering were dry with nice, warm weather that was perfect to establish a bountiful crop. Summer was plenty warm, with consistent temperatures through the growing season. The vines were able to ripen their fruit at a consistent pace with no rush to harvest. We couldn't be happier with the wines from a really stellar season.

HISTORY

Clos Du Val, French for "small vineyard estate of a small valley," was founded in 1972 in the renowned Stags Leap District by Franco-American vintner John Golet. The winery was first recognized for its Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons at the famed Judgment of Paris in 1976, establishing its place as one of Napa Valley's most iconic winery estates. Still family-owned today, Clos Du Val farms 350 acres of estate vineyards in the Stags Leap District, Carneros and Yountville appellations. Focusing on this diverse palette of fruit, Winemaker Kristy Melton makes elegantly structured wines notable for their balance, complexity, and vivid fruit character.

